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SUBJECT:IXSC-MALAYSIA RELATIONS

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1. SUMMARY: ACCORDING WORKING LEVEL MOFA OFFICIAL, ROC AND MALAYSIA HAVE WORKED OUT PRINCIPLES FOR FACILITATING TRAVEL BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, BUT THERE IS NO MOVEMENT TOWARDS ESTABLISHMENT OF OTHER FORMS OF QUASI-OFFICIAL LIAISON. END SUMMARY.

2. MOFA CAST ASIA DEPUTY DIRECTOR SHEN JEN-PIAO TOLD US JULY 1 THAT ROC AND MALAYSIA HAD WORKED OUT PRINCIPLES FOR VISA HANDLING BY OFFICES OF CHINA AIRLINES (CAL) AND MALAYSIAN AIRLINES SYSTEM (MAS). AIRLINE OFFICES WILL
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ACCEPT VISA APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSMITTAL TO RESPECTIVE

FOREIGN MINISTRIES FOR APPROVAL. ROC CITIZENS WILL BE ISSUED NOTIFICATION DOCUMENT WHICH MUST BE PRESENTED TO MALAYSIAN DIPLOMATIC MISSION OVERSEAS FOR VISA ISSUANCE. ACCORDING SHEN, MALAYSIAN CITIZENS WILL BE ISSUED LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION THROUGH CAL WHICH CAN BE PRESENTED DIRECTLY AT TAIPEI AIRPORT. EAST ASIA RELATIONS ASSOCIATION WILL HANDLE MALAYSIAN APPLICATIONS IN TOKYO. SHEN, WHILE EXPRESSING CONCERN AT CUMBERSOME PROCEDURE WHICH MIGHT REQUIRE TWO WEEKS, HOPED THAT TWO WAY TRAVEL COULD BE MAINTAINED AT PRE-BREAK LEVEL OF NEARLY 1500 PERSONS MONTHLY.

3. ACCORDING SHEN, THERE HAS BEEN NO PROGRESS ON ESTABLISHING OTHER QUASI-OFFICIAL CHANNELS FOR HANDLING MUTUAL INTERESTS--3000 MALAYSIAN OVERSEAS CHINESE STUDENTS IN TAIWAN AND US\$100 MILLION TWO WAY TRADE. WHILE ROC HOPES EVENTUALLY TO ESTABLISH TRADE OFFICE, ONLY ENCOURAGEMENT ON THAT SCORE IS "VERY FIRMEDLY ATTITUDE" OF DEPARTED MALAYSIAN CONSUL LOOIE CHEOK HUN, VIEWED BY MOFA AS HAVING LITTLE INFLUENCE IN KUALA LUMPUR. SHEN CONCLUDED THAT MOFA DOES NOT ANTICIPATE INCREASED MALAYSIAN RESPONSIVENESS IN NEAR FUTURE.
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